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: Memo from Washington Office OO/C dated 5 June 1958

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1. The proposal of [redacted] has some merit, in the opinion of this Branch, but does not justify further study leading to a possible offer by the Agency to support the venture financially. This opinion is based on the belief that other individuals with a broader background in construction and economics would do a better job of gaining exact, useful information about housing and construction techniques in the USSR.

2. It is quite so that in the interests of fuller exploitation greater care should be taken in selecting and preparing the delegates. Furthermore, a series of articles in US publications on aspects of Soviet construction may well be useful in setting the stage for future conversations with Soviet counterparts.

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3. Since [redacted] trip to the USSR we have been able to observe the reports of other visitors with a construction background. Among them are several who, in our opinion, would have greater success in furthering intelligence objectives than Mr. [redacted]

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